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Western New York Library Resources Council

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WNYLRC Updates

The WNYLRC Staff was so excited to see everyone who came to the Open House to check out our new offices. It was great to see everybody. Thank you so much for coming!

Intersect Conference: Registration is open! Join us for a day of networking, professional development, and activities, organized by the Continuing Education Committee. This will take place at Central Library on Friday, October 11, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. [Register here.](#)

WNYLRC has moved: update your address books to 180 Lawrence Bell Drive, Suite 104, Amherst, NY 14221.

Annual Meeting: Registration is open for the WNYLRC Annual Meeting of the Membership which will be held at the National Comedy Center on Tuesday, October 22 at 10 am. This will be a daytime lunch meeting. [Register here!](#)



Ayodele Ojumu (Librarian, #304 Hutchinson Central Technical High School) and Caitlin Kenney catch up at the WNYLRC Open House.

Virtual Trainings and Meetings

Registration is required for all WNYLRC training. You must register for these programs via the WNYLRC website. You will need to create an account on the website in order to register if you have not already done so.

Check out [our events and training page](#) for upcoming programs this month!

Personal Development - ESLN Academic Leadership Series, Wednesday September 18 from 1 pm to 2:30 pm: This series of six 90-minute panel discussions will feature academic library leaders from across New York State

and skills.

[More information here.](#)

MLA Webinar: Librarians and Institutional Regulatory Boards and Committees: Finding Your Seat at the Table, Wednesday September 11 from 2 pm to 3:30 pm:

Susan Harnett and Laureen Cantwell-Jurkovic, authors of [Finding Your Seat at The Table: Roles for Librarians on Institutional Regulatory Boards and Committees](#), a [highly recommended](#) guide for librarians on joining and serving on institutional regulatory boards and committees, will demystify service on IRB and IACUC and show you what's needed to join them. They'll present foundational knowledge on these important committees and offer guidance on demonstrating the value of your membership on them and on developing the arguments and gaining the support needed to find your seat at the table.

[More information here](#)

Generative A.I. and Practical Applications for Libraries, Thursday September 19 from 1 pm to 2:30 pm:

This session will include: an overview of AI technologies; hands-on demonstrations of different AI tools and services; and suggestions for best practices to ensure ethical aspects are considered, such as protecting patron privacy.

[Register here](#)

Effective Library Advocacy: Engaging Representatives Locally and in Albany, Wednesday September 25, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm:

This session is designed to equip professional academic, school, public, and special, library staff with the resources and knowledge needed to effectively organize local meetings with legislators, navigate Library Advocacy Day in Albany, and stay engaged in library advocacy year-round.

[Register here.](#)

Save the Date: The Intersect Unconference will be held Friday, October 11, at the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library - Central location in downtown Buffalo.

[Register here.](#)

The Preservation Committee is sponsoring memberships for NEDCC programs. WNYLRC members can apply for sponsorship of select live or on-demand [Northeast Document Conservation Center \(NEDCC\) online training programs](#). Sponsorships are considered on a first-come first-served basis. [Application for Sponsorship](#)

To learn about and register for professional development opportunities from other ESLN councils across the state, check out [the shared calendar!](#)



Sheryl Knab and John Spears (Director, Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System) say hello from the WNYLRC Open House.

News from the Region

Nancy Bailey, a Trustee for the Board of the **Niagara Falls Public Library (Nioga Library System)** and tutor for Literacy Buffalo Niagara, asserted in the Niagara Gazette that libraries are still thriving physical spaces that meet community needs. She also advocates for much needed updates to current library buildings in the area. This is a great rebuttal to a recent op-ed by someone who felt libraries no longer needed physical spaces. [Read more](#)

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is back to school ready, with a newly renovated teen space and interesting programs from local community organizations. [Read more](#)

In 2022, students in **Orchard Park Central School District (Erie 1 BOCES)** banded together to start [Students Protecting Education](#). This was in response to the fact that some school board candidates at the time were interested in banning some popular books from the schools. The students successfully campaigned to keep these candidates from getting elected to their board and the group has grown since then. [Read more](#)

The New York State Digital Equity Network (NYSDEN) held its first in-person assembly at the Central Library in Syracuse, NY. Its convening brought together key stakeholders, including elected officials, nonprofit leaders, and state agencies, with the goal of discussing strategic approaches to bridging the digital divide. [Learn more](#)

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is available in Western New York. This is originated as a partnership between local lawmakers and United Way of Buffalo & Erie County. [Learn more](#)

The Buffalo Humanities Festival will be taking place on Friday, September 20th, at Asbury Hall, and Saturday, September 21st, at **Buffalo & Erie County Public Library - Central**. The keynote speaker is Percival Everett, a Pulitzer Prize finalist. Admission is free, but registration is required for the festival.

[Learn more](#)

The Friends of **Lewiston Library (Nioga Library System)** are hosting local author Tom Reigstad, Ph.D., for a presentation titled "Mark Twain and the Niagara Frontier." Reigstad is a Mark Twain scholar who focuses on Twain's time in Buffalo and he has authored several books on Twain, including, *Scribblin' For A Livin'*. The event will be held Wednesday, September 18th.

[More information](#)

Grants

[new automated external defibrillators \(AEDS\)](#) for the library.

A number of entities in the Western New York region received [grants in different categories from the National Endowment for the Humanities](#) (WNYLRC members are bolded):

- Cobblestone Society [Preservation Assistance Grants]
- SUNY Research Foundation, **University at Buffalo** [Media Projects Development]
- **National Comedy Center** [Preservation Assistance Grants]
- **Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History** [Preservation Assistance Grants]
- Seneca Nation of Indians [Media Projects Development]
- **St. Bonaventure University** [Scholarly Editions and Translations]

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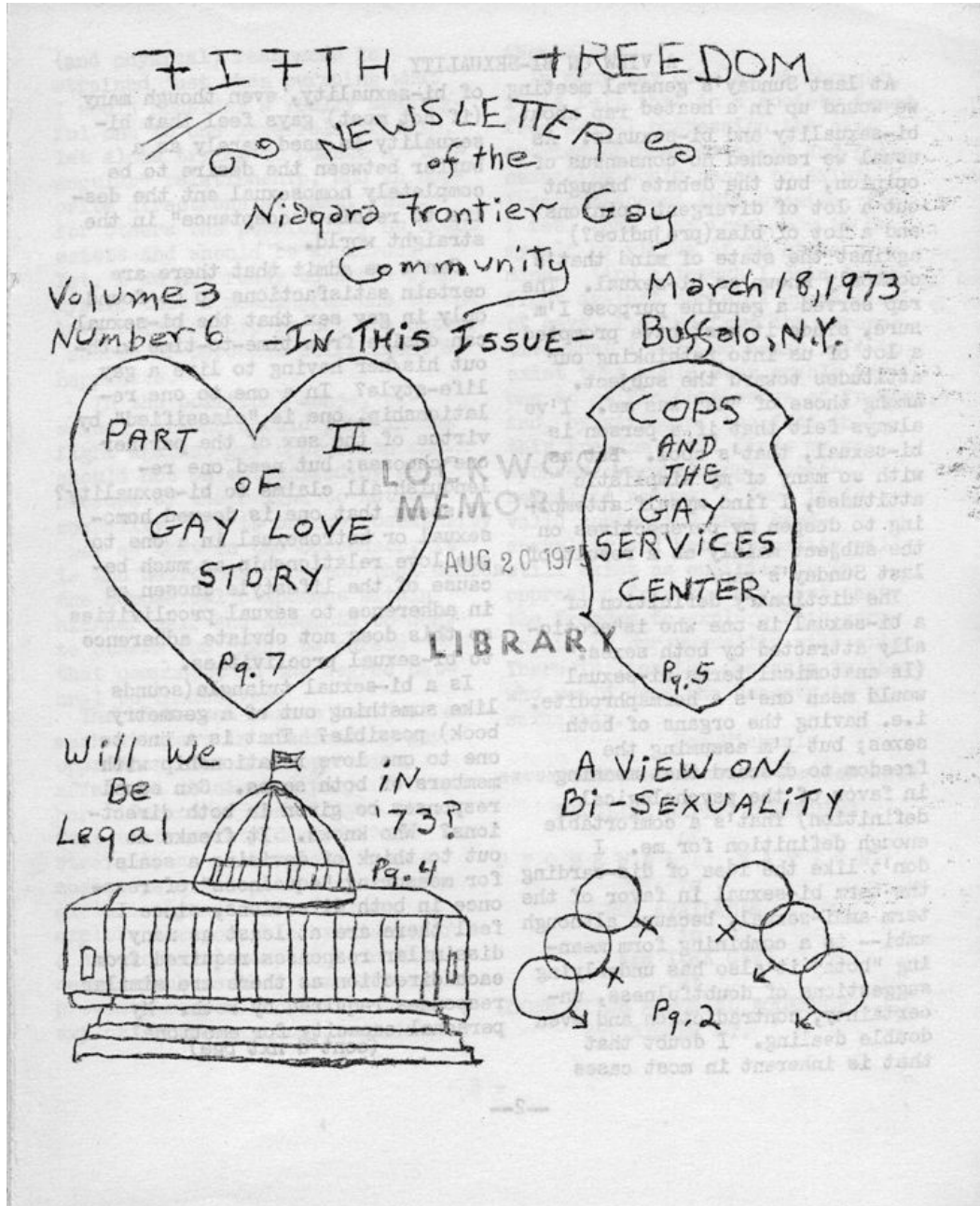
Diane Blaser (Buffalo Irish Genealogical Society), Pat Pike (Buffalo Irish Genealogical Society) and Mary Tidwell (WNY Genealogical Society) show off their swag at the WNYLRC Open House.

News from the State

[Registration is open](#) for the NYLA Annual Conference, which will be held in Syracuse, NY. The conference runs from November 6 to November 9.

In case you missed it: In April, NYS State Education Commissioner Betty A. Rosa issued a decision and dismissed an appeal from Moms for Liberty regarding challenged library materials in Clyde-Savannah School District (Wayne County, NY). [Read the decision here.](#)

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In June, we featured the Fifth Freedom collection in New York Historic Newspapers. This collection was recently added to [New York Heritage](#) for easy perusal so we're spotlighting it again! The Fifth Freedom was a periodic free newspaper of the Mattachine Society of the Niagara Frontier, Western New York's most prominent early gay rights organization. In being the official written mouthpiece of the region's first systematic gay rights organization, The Fifth Freedom expresses the earliest codified and widely distributed literature of the gay community within the region.

identified group in the years that followed the Stonewall riots and preceded the onset of the more well-known AIDS epidemic, but also upon the larger Western New York and American culture overall. The newspaper content as well as editorial direction both chronicle and critique a unique time in both American and world-wide history, as seen and expressed by an active, though underdocumented, population. This is a nearly complete collection, covering most of Fifth Freedom's publication run from 1970 to 1983.

[Fifth Freedom, SUNY Buffalo State. "Fifth Freedom, 1973-03-18." *New York State Heritage*. 1973. <https://nyheritage.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/YBM002/id/1648/rec/9>]

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